

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 1217 - SB 1305**

February 28, 2017

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Establishes that of the 10 hours of continuing education required of any licensed embalmer or funeral director as a prerequisite to licensure renewal, five hours must be completed through physical attendance of the provider of the coursework or through an interactive virtual program which requires participants to confirm their presence during the program.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- The Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers (BFDE) will need to verify that licensees successfully complete continuing education hours in conformity with the requirements provided in this bill.
- This bill will have no significant impact on the current responsibilities of the BFDE.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all regulatory boards are required to be self-supporting over any two-year period. The BFDE experienced a deficit of \$83,161 in FY14-15, a surplus of \$258,087 in FY15-16, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$1,241,252 on June 30, 2016.

**IMPACT TO COMMERCE:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- This bill may result in an increase in business revenue for companies that provide educational course material through a virtually interactive format. Any such increase will be in lieu of revenue earned by the same or like companies that provide courses which require physical attendance by course attendees. Any net impact on business revenue is anticipated to be not significant.
- This bill will have no significant impact on commerce or jobs in Tennessee.

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**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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